

METHODS AND APPARATUS SUPPORTING CONFIGURATION IN A NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           A configuration server maintains configuration information associated with a  
given host computer. Thus, the configuration information is maintained at a remote  
location with respect to the given host computer. During operation, the configuration  
server may receive a signal to modify the configuration information associated with the  
given host computer. In response to modifying the configuration information, the  
10   configuration server generates a command to terminate a communication link through  
which the given host computer communicates to access the network. Termination of the  
communication link prompts the given host computer to initiate further communications  
to enable the given host computer to again access the network based on use of the  
modified configuration information. For example, termination of the communication link  
15   may cause the given host computer to retrieve configuration information such as a new IP  
address to access the network.